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SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE, Mar. 15.—Still contributing to the impressive record of the 442nd infantry regiment, the 3rd battalion of this Japanese-American unit is now engaged in difficult warfare in the French Alps.

Along the Franco-Italian border—southern sector of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th army group—the battalion is demonstrating its ability in patrol tactics and all-around skill as a fighting unit. With many months of intense mountain fighting in Italy and the French Vosges behind it, the battalion augments that skill with experience.

Among the many cvourageous actions of the 3rd battalion is the dramatic rescue of the 36th division's "Lost Battalion" which was first reached by elements of the 3rd.

Fifty awards, ranging from the distinguished service cross to the bronze star have been awarded members of the 3rd, most of them for action in Italy. Over 200 such awards are pending for action in France. Four division citations have also been awarded.

Members of the 3rd battalion, 442nd infantry regiment include Sergeant Yoshio Hirooka, Route 3, Petaluma, California.

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